

Geraldine Lucas Homestead,
Naomi Colwell Cabin
On west bank of Cottonwood Creek approximately
2 1/2 miles downstream of Jenny Lake
Moose Vicinity
Teton County
Wyoming

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Naomi Colwell Cabin (WY-113-C):

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A. General Statement: Naomi Colwell Cabin

1. Architectural character: This structure is a rectangular, one story log vernacular cabin.
2. Condition of fabric: This cabin is in overall fair to poor condition. The integrity of the fabric is rapidly deteriorating.

B. Description of exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: 25'-10" by 18'-0"
2. Foundation: The foundation of this cabin is a very shallow (approx. 3 inch) slab of dry laid rubble.
3. Walls: The main cabin is constructed of logs, with square lap rebated cornering. The bathroom addition, along the central eastern wall, has board and batten walls. There is also a small water heater addition at the northeast corner of the cabin. The northern and eastern walls of this addition are log, while the southern wall is ship lap siding.
4. Structural system: The structural system of the main cabin and the water heater addition is log. While the structural system of the bathroom addition is wood frame.
5. Porch: The small front porch of the cabin is constructed of wood floor joists and wood plank flooring. There are two log posts supporting the roof of the porch and a single wood plank step leading up to the porch.
7. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: The front door is a stained five panel wood door with stained plain trim and a screen door. The door to the water heater addition is board and batten with iron strap hinges.
 - b. Windows: The south and west walls both have a single 6/6 pane sliding sash window, with brown stained plain trim. The southern wall of

the bathroom addition has a single pane sash hopper window with red stained plain trim. The northern wall of the bathroom addition has a six pane fixed sash window with brown stained plain trim.

8. Roof:

- a. Shape and covering: The main cabin has a normal pitched side-gable roof with open log rafters. The two additions both have dropped shed roofs, while the porch has an attached shed roof. All of the roofs are covered with asphalt roll roofing.
- b. Eaves: The roof of the cabin has exposed rafter eave ends.

C. Description of interior:

1. Floor plan: This rectangular cabin consists of two rooms and a small addition, which is entered from the exterior only. This small addition houses a water heater. Originally, this cabin was only one room, but a bathroom was later added to the central eastern wall.
2. Flooring: The flooring in the main cabin is wood floor boards, which are approximately three inches in width. The flooring of the bathroom is unknown due to my inability to enter the cabin because of a missing key.
3. Wall and ceiling finishes: All walls to the main cabin are unfinished log, and the ceiling is open log rafter. The western wall of the bathroom, which adjoins the main cabin, has vertical wood paneling extending from the floor to approximately four feet in height. From this paneling to the ceiling, the wall is white painted dry wall. The other walls of the bathroom are also white painted dry wall. The north and east walls of the water heater addition are log, while the southern wall is unfinished ship lap siding.

4. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: The only interior door is the one connecting the main cabin and the bathroom. This door is board and batten with butt hinges.
- b. Windows: All of the cabin's windows have stained plain trim and sills. The south and west walls of the main cabin have a single 6/6 pane sliding sash window. The southern bathroom wall has a single pane hopper sash window, while the northern wall has a six pane fixed sash window.

5. Decorative features and trim: The bathroom walls have plain rounded trim covering the wall and ceiling joints. This trim appears to be white painted wood.

6. Hardware: The bathroom hardware is unknown.

7. Mechanical equipment: The bathroom is plumbed for hot and cold running water, and there is a water heater in the small northeastern addition. Heating was furnished by a wood stove, however, only the stovepipe remains. The electrical system is exposed rubber insulated wiring. There is a single bulb in a socket in the main cabin and the bathroom lighting is unknown.

